

# **PLAYGROUND AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

**Minutes Date: Thursday, May 7 2020**

**Time: 5:00PM**

**Location: Virtual Meet via GoToMeeting**

## **Attendance:**

**Present - Bryan Litz, Bill Scatolini, Jon Stogner, Emilie Hisgen, Dave Trebbe, Michelle Pastore, Marc Atkin, CW Zimmer**

## **I. Meeting Called To Order.**

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm by Mr. Scatolini

Ground rules gone over by Mr. Litz for the GoToMeeting

## **II. Minutes from Previous Meetings Approved and Accepted**

- a. March 4th minutes

*Motion made by Mr. Zimmer to approve the March minutes, second by Mrs. Pastore all in favor.*

## **III. Bills Submitted for Approval:**

- a. T-Mobile - \$62.93 please stop by and sign in the truck
- b. New Chevy Truck - \$43, 832.61 \$40,000 from town capital account \$3,832.61 paid by DPW for plow.

## **IV. Budget Report**

- a. General Fund – met with selectman and finance about the remaining .27 in budget, approved additional \$15,000 to the budget to cover cost for operations.
- b. Revolving Fund - \$3,000 brought in over the last couple months compared to the usual \$200,000. \$42,000 left could need to pay back \$47,000 in refunds, mower transfer \$486.20

## **V. Correspondence. None at this time**

## **VI. Committee Reports.**

- a. F.O.R. (Bryan Litz) - meeting will be held 5-13 Mr. Litz will make a recommendation to cancel Night in the Park
- b. Community Preservation (C.W. Zimmer) - possibility to use CPA funds to support families for rent. Will hold off until further word. Forward any further needs. Came in under budget for butler building that is being partially funded by CPA. Low bid came in from JL Bernache from Chicopee.
- c. Selectmen Liaison (Bill Scatolini) - none at this time
- d. Open Space (Emilie Hisgen) - article in the paper about locals using the trails and the abundance of people on the trails.
- e. Sports Associations/Committees (Bryan Litz) - fields and facilities closed due to covid 19
  - Baseball - will wait to get guidance from the Governor
  - Boys Lax - looking for a refund for not using the fields and extending the 3 year payment

## **VII. Open Session for Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance of Meeting.**

Mr. Zimmer has purchased a new property out of town and will be resigning from the commission. His commitment and dedication to this board and town will be truly missed.

## **VIII. Old Business.**

- a. Ultimate Party - beach pass not needed at this time due to Covid 19

## **IX. New Business. None at this time**

- a. Role of the Commission - Policy making commission? Concern about how the policy is written by the town compared to how things should be run. Conversation held about the role of the board compared to what is written in the by laws and what the board does for rec policies. Article 44 will go to the town meeting.
- b. Staffing - Not sure of the state of hiring staff
  - i. Seasonal parks employee - motion made by Mr. Zimmer to hire Taylor Colkos for the seasonal parks position pending the hiring of seasonal employees due to the

- Governor's directive.
  - ii. Office Staff - 1 employee presenting working in the office to maintain social distancing
- c. All spring programs have been cancelled except competitive baseball. Waiting on word from the Governor. Refunds have been divided out amongst staff to tackle all the refunds.
  - i. Full/partial refund
  - ii. Credit
  - iii. Donation

Mary Anne Dance Studio refund - some concerned about the pre order of outfits for recital and the cost of that since not being used.
- d. Ski Program - Blanford ski area has closed so no longer an option. Possibility to run a program through Wachusetts. Board is in favor of keeping the program and will look into other options for the ski program. Check in with Mike Roy how to tie in the HS program and middle school program together.
- e. Spray Park - issue around one of the pieces of equipment that needs repaired. Do we fix or buy a new water bucket piece?

## **X. Adjournment.**

Motion made by Mr. Scatolini to adjourn at 7:00pm, Second by Mr. Stogner

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jon Stogner